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VI. *A Rupture of the Navel, communicated to the ROYAL SOCIETY by H. W. Taube, (Dove) Surgeon of the Pearl Man of War.*

Read May 24.  
1744.

**A**NN *Stubbensfull* had a very hard Labour 17 Years before her Death, and a little Rupture appeared in her Navel, and in the next Labour it increased ; which she endeavoured to cure by a Bandage, but in vain ; so it continued to increase more and more.

The first time I was called to her, was upon account of a Wound at *Lett. d.* where it looked as if it would mortify ; which I cured, but left a Place open as big as Half a Crown, from which a great Quantity of Water would sometimes run out ; but getting Cold, it stopped ; and the whole *Saccus* was very much inflamed (This Wound was formerly made by uneasy Trusses). I called on the late Mr. *Amiand* ; who told me, he had seen in a Work-house a Rupture of the same Kind, but not so big.

She had once an *Obstructio alvi* for fifteen Days ; and nothing would do, till I order'd her a Glyster of Tobacco boild with Urine. The late Dr. *James Douglass* saw her ; and he and I agreed to open her after her Death ; to which she consented. At last, she died maniacal. Dr. *Douglass* and I would have open'd her ; but the Obstinacy of her Children was so great, that they would not agree to it till the fourth Day after her Death, which happened in *July*, when the Putrefaction was so great, that Dr. *Douglass*, nor I, nor any body else, could remain by her ; and so were obliged, to our great Sorrows, to desist.

*References*

*References to the Figures, see TAB. II. Fig. 4 and 5.*

- a.* The Circumference nearest to the Belly 36 Inches and an half.
  - b.* The thickest Part, 38 Inches.
  - c.* From *a* to *c*, the Length, 34 Inches.
  - d.* The Wound.
  - e.* Several great Protuberances.
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VII. *A Letter from Mr. Wm. Watson, F.R.S. to the ROYAL SOCIETY; containing further Remarks concerning Mushrooms: Occasioned by the Reverend Mr. Pickering's F. R. S. Paper in the preceding Transact. p. 96. with Observations upon the poisonous Faculty of some Sorts of Fungi.*

*Gentlemen,*

*Read May 31. 1744.* I HOPE I shall have the Reverend Mr. *Pickering's* Excuse, if I lay before you a few further Observations upon his Papers concerning *Mushrooms*.

With regard to the Seeds of *Mushrooms*, although they were never shewn to the ROYAL SOCIETY before, the Fact was known to many Members thereof: for the industrious *Micheli* did not only raise Mushrooms from their Seeds, but has, in his Tables, shewn the daily Progress from their first Point of Vegetation, even to their perfect State.

The *Fungus porosus crassus magnus* is not the Mushroom usually raised in *England* for the Table,

*Fig. 1.*

*p. 38.*

*Fig. 2.*

*p. 41.*

*Fig. 3. p. 44.*

*Fig. 5.*

*p. 51.*

*Fig. 4.*

